

# **RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY**

## **MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING**

**16 March 2005**

**A meeting of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on the above date in the RI Department of Health, Room 401, Providence, Rhode Island. A quorum was established and the Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m.**

**Board members in attendance were:**

**Francis Connor, DDS, Vice-Chairman Michael Rubinstein, DDS  
Henry Levin, DMD Richard Glick, DDS  
Andrew Molak, DMD Mary Lou Buonaccorsi  
Mr. Bernard Manchester Kathleen Gazzola, RDH**

**Staff members in attendance were:**

**Gail Giuliano, Board Administrator Gregory Madoian, Legal Counsel**

**Board members not in attendance were:**

**Joseph G. Samartano, Chairman  
Mr. Charles Matoian**

**Linda Rusack, RDH**

**Others in attendance:**

**Valarie Donnelly, Executive Director, RIDA Robin Lawrence, DMD**

**The Chairman called for a motion to approve the “Open Minutes” of the 16 February 2005 meeting. Upon motion of Dr. Levin, seconded by Dr. Glick, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as presented.**

**Dental Licensing Sub-Committee:**

**Dr. Connor reported that the Sub-Committee for Dental Licensure had reviewed the applications and credentials of the following candidates who had applied for licensure:**

**Wayland Easley, DDS National Board & Ohio State Board -1990**

**Licensed in OH, PA, & NY**

**Mark Schenkman, DDS\* National Board & CA State Board-1994**

**Licensed in CA & NJ**

**\*Pending receipt of National Boards, NPBD and AADE Forms**

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**Dr. Connor advised that after reviewing the application of Dr. Easley, the Dental Licensing Committee has requested to meet with Dr. Easley prior to making recommendation for licensure. Dr. Easley will be invited to meet with the Committee at its next meeting scheduled for May 18, 2005.**

**Upon motion of Dr. Levin, seconded by Dr. Glick, it was Voted by the Board to issue Dr. Mark Schenkman a license to practice dentistry upon receipt of the pending documents.**

**Dr. Connor reported that Dr. Steven Black, whose application for licensure was reviewed last month, has withdrawn his application for licensure. A letter was also received from his prospective employer withdrawing support for his licensure.**

### **Dental Hygiene Licensing Sub-Committee:**

**Mrs. GazzolaRusack reported that the Sub-Committee for Dental Hygiene Licensure had reviewed the application and credentials of the following candidate who had applied for licensure:**

**Susan LaNinfa, RDH National Board & NERB 1979**

**Mrs. Gazzola advised that Ms. LaNinfa last practiced dental hygiene in 1988, but had completed a comprehensive dental hygiene refresher course at the Professional Learning Services, LLC, located in Monroe, CT. and recommends she be issued a dental hygiene license in Rhode Island:**

**Upon motion of Dr. Glick, seconded by Dr. Molak, it was Voted by the Board to issue the aforementioned individual a license to practice dental hygiene in Rhode Island.**

**It was noted that the refresher course offered by Professional Learning Services is a good resource for dental hygienists re-entering the field after a five-year or more lapse in practice. However, the Board is in no way endorsing this course exclusively in lieu of other refresher courses.**

**The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for 18 May 2005.**

**Mrs. Gazzola advised that the Sub-Committee for Rules and Regulations will be meeting at CCRI tonight at 5:30 pm.**

**The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the “Open Session” and enter into “Closed Executive Session” for the purpose of discussing disciplinary matters pursuant to the applicable exceptions of the “Open Meeting Law”, so called of Chapter 42-46-5 sub-division (1)**

**and (4) of the General Laws. Upon motion by Dr. Molak, seconded by Dr. Connor, the Board voted unanimously to enter into “Executive Session” at 9:00 a.m. At this time, Ms. Donnelly and Dr. Lawrence excused themselves from the meeting.**

**The Board returned to “Open Session” at 9:10 a.m. and Ms. Donnelly and Dr. Lawrence returned to the open meeting.**

### **Decisions Ratified in Closed Session**

**Dr. Connor requested that any decisions ratified during the “Closed Executive Session” be made public for the record, as well as, any business discussed which should be disclosed in the “Open Meeting.**

**There was no business to be made public.**

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**Sealing of the Closed Executive Minutes**

**The Chairman called for a motion to seal the minutes of the “Closed Executive Session” of 16 February 2005 meeting pursuant to Section 42-46 (1) and (2). Upon motion of Dr. Connor, seconded by Dr. Levin, the Board Voted unanimously to seal the minutes.**

**.Upon motion of Dr. Molak, seconded by Dr. Glick, it was unanimously VOTED by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 a.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Francis Connor, DDS**

**Vice-Chairman**

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